IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A composition for treating hard surfaces comprising

a) at least one water-soluble or water-dispersible compound as ~~in claim 1~~ as component A, which is ~~obtainable~~ prepared by reacting

aa) polyalkylenepolyamines, polyamidoamines grafted with ethyleneimine, polyether-amines and mixtures of said compounds, as component Aa,

ab) ~~if appropriate at least~~ bifunctional crosslinkers ~~which have~~having, as a functional group, a halogenhydrin, glycidyl, aziridine or isocyanate unit or a halogen atom, as component Ab, and

ac) monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acids selected from the group consisting essentially of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, dimethacrylic acid, ethylacrylic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, itaconic acid, methylenemalonic acid, ~~and~~ citraconic acid, salts, esters, amides or nitriles of monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acids, chlorocarboxylic acids ~~and/or glycidyl compounds, such as~~ glycidyl acid, glycidylamide ~~or~~ glycidyl esters and mixtures thereof;

b) at least one surfactant ~~chosen~~ selected from the group consisting essentially of anionic, nonionic, amphoteric and cationic surfactants, as component B;

c) ~~if appropriate~~ at least one water-soluble organic solvent, as component C;

d) ~~if appropriate~~ ammonia ~~and/or at least one~~ alkanolamine or both ammonia and alkanolamine, as component D;

e) ~~if appropriate~~ at least one acid selected from the group consisting essentially of inorganic acid, carboxylic acid and~~/or~~ sulfonic acid, as component E;

f) ~~if appropriate~~ at least one builder, as component F;

g) ~~if appropriate further~~ auxiliaries and additives, as component G; and

h) water.

Claim 2 (Original): The composition according to claim 1, comprising

a) 0.01 to 40% by weight, of component A;

b) 0.01 to 80% by weight, of component B;

c) 0 to 50% by weight, of component C;

d) 0 to 5% by weight, of component D;

e) 0 to 5% by weight, of component E;

f) 0 to 10% by weight, of component F;

g) 0 to 5% by weight, of component G; and

h) water,

so that the total amount of components A to G and water is 100% by weight.

Claim 3 (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein component Aa is a polyalkyleneamine.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the component Ab is <u>selected from the group consisting essentially of</u> [[a]] epihalohydrin, [[an]] α,ω-bis-(chlorohydrin) polyalkylene glycol ether, [[an]] α,ω-bis(epoxide) of polyalkylene glycol ethers<u>,</u> and~~/or a~~ bis-glycidyl ether <u>or mixtures thereof</u>.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The composition according to claim 1, wherein component Ac is a monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid selected from the group consisting <u>essentially</u> of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, dimethacrylic acid, ethylacrylic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, itaconic acid, methylenemalonic acid and citraconic acid.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The composition according to claim 1, wherein component B is ~~chosen~~ selected from the group consisting essentially of fatty alcohol sulfates, alkyl ether sulfates, fatty alcohol alkoxylates and mixtures thereof.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The composition according to claim 1, wherein component C is ~~chosen~~ selected from the group consisting essentially of glycerol, propylene glycol, ethylene glycol, ethanol, isopropanol, n-propanol, ethylene glycol monobutyl ethers, propylene glycol monobutyl ethers and mixtures ~~of two or more of said water-soluble organic solvents~~ thereof.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The composition according to claim 1, wherein component D is ammonia ~~and/or~~, monoethanolamine ~~and/or~~ or both ammonia and monoethanolamine, component E is selected from the group consisting essentially of formic acid, acetic acid, citric acid, lactic acid ~~or~~ and amidosulfonic acid or both component D and E.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): .A process for the preparation of water-soluble or water-dispersible compounds comprising the steps:

i) crosslinking of polyalkylenepolyamines, polyamidoamines grafted with ethyleneimine, polyether-amines, and mixtures of said compounds as component Aa,

with

at least bifunctional crosslinkers ~~which have~~ having, as functional group, a halogenhydrin, glycidyl, aziridine or isocyanate unit or a halogen atom, as component Ab;

and

ii) reaction of the product obtained in step i) with monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acids, salts, esters, amides or nitriles of monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic

acids, chlorocarboxylic acids ~~and/or glycidyl compounds~~, ~~such as~~ glycidyl acid, glycidylamide, ~~or~~ glycidyl ~~esters~~ ester and mixtures thereof, as component Ac.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A water-soluble or water-dispersible compound ~~preparable~~ prepared by a process according to claim 9.

Claim 11 (Original): A process for treating hard surfaces, where the hard surfaces are brought into contact with a composition according to claim 1.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A process for the treatment of hard surfaces for rapid and streak-free drying, ease of soil release, reduction in or prevention of the condensation of water and~~/or~~ the formation of dried-on traces of water on the hard surfaces, comprising the step of bringing the hard surfaces into contact with water-soluble or water-dispersible compounds which are ~~obtainable~~ prepared by reacting

aa) polyalkylenepolyamines, polyamidoamines, polyamidoamines grafted with ethyleneimine, polyether-amines and mixtures of said compounds, as component Aa,

ab) ~~if appropriate~~ at least bifunctional crosslinkers ~~which have~~ having, as functional group, a halogenhydrin, glycidyl, aziridine or isocyanate unit or a halogen atom, as component Ab, and

ac) monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acids selected from the group consisting essentially of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, dimethacrylic acid, ethylacrylic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, itaconic acid, methylenemalonic acid, ~~and~~ citraconic acid, salts, esters, amides or nitriles of monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acids, chlorocarboxylic acids, ~~and/or glycidyl compounds, such as~~ glycidyl acid, glycidylamide, [[or]] glycidyl esters and mixtures thereof.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A process for the treatment of hard surfaces for rapid and streak-free drying, ease of soil release, reduction in or prevention of the condensation of water and~~/or~~ the formation of dried-on traces of water on the hard surfaces, comprising the step of bringing the hard surfaces into contact with a composition as claimed in claim 1.